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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference N .88110A TAC	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/GB2004/001663	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 16/04/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 16/04/2003
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 7 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

USE OF STEROID DERIVATIVES FOR THE TREATMENT OF ANGIOTENSIN II RELATED DISEASES
E.G. CARDIOVASCULAR AND PROLIFERATIVE DISORDERS

5. With regard to the abstract,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regards to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____

as suggested by the applicant.

as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

- b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		A61K31/565	A61K31/568	A61P9/00	A61P35/00	A61P11/06	
IPC 7		A61K31/565		A61K31/568	A61P9/00	A61P35/00	A61P11/06
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		A61K31/568		A61P9/00	A61P35/00	A61P11/06	
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC							
B. FIELDS SEARCHED							
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)							
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched							
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)							
EPO-Internal, BIOSIS, EMBASE, PAJ, WPI Data, CHEM ABS Data							
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT							
Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages				Relevant to claim No.		
X	US 2003/050291 A1 (ARAD YADON) 13 March 2003 (2003-03-13)				1-5,7, 12,13, 18-21,29		
Y	page 2, column 2, lines 4-7,21, paragraph 2; claims 5,6				6		
X	----- GB 2 155 018 A (STERWIN AG) 18 September 1985 (1985-09-18) page 2, lines 20,21,44-64 page 3, line 3				1,2,7,8, 12-22, 28-31		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patent family members are listed in annex.	
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A document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance							
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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Y	SUZUKI GEORGE ET AL: "Effects of long-term monotherapy with eplerenone, a novel aldosterone blocker, on progression of left ventricular dysfunction and remodeling in dogs with heart failure." CIRCULATION, vol. 106, no. 23, 3 December 2002 (2002-12-03), pages 2967-2972, XP002288136 ISSN: 0009-7322 cited in the application page 2967, column 1, lines 6-8 -----	1-11,29
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Y	ROCHA RICARDO ET AL: "Selective aldosterone blockade prevents angiotensin II/salt-induced vascular inflammation in the rat heart." ENDOCRINOLOGY, vol. 143, no. 12, December 2002 (2002-12), pages 4828-4836, XP002288137 ISSN: 0013-7227 cited in the application page 4828, column 1, lines 14-22 page 4833, column 2, lines 1-33 -----	22,25
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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	<p>LEE A F ET AL: "Neurohormonal reactivation in heart failure patients on chronic ACE inhibitor therapy: a longitudinal study." EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF HEART FAILURE : JOURNAL OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HEART FAILURE OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY. DEC 1999, vol. 1, no. 4, December 1999 (1999-12), pages 401-406, XP002288261 ISSN: 1388-9842 cited in the application abstract</p> <p>-----</p> <p>EP 0 108 606 A (STERWIN AG) 16 May 1984 (1984-05-16) cited in the application page 2, lines 14-20 page 3, lines 1-5 page 5, lines 19-32</p> <p>-----</p>	22-24
A		13-17

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box II.1

Although claims 29-31 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box II.1

Claims Nos.: 1,2,3,7,12-21,29 and 30 (partially)

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: 1,2,3,7,12-21,29 and 30 (partially)

Present claim 1 relates to the treatment of a disease which is not well defined. The use of the definition "angiotensin II related disease" in the present context is considered to lead to a lack of clarity within the meaning of Article 6 PCT. It is impossible to determine the diseases for which protection might legitimately be sought. The lack of clarity is such as to render a meaningful complete search impossible. Consequently, the search concerning the therapeutic application of the claimed compounds has been restricted to the diseases listed in claims 4-11.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: 1, 2, 3, 7, 12–21, 29 and 30 (partially)
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claims 29–31 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. Claims Nos.: 1, 2, 3, 7, 12–21, 29 and 30 (partially)
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

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